GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3630
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FIRE IN TANKERS OF DELHI BOUND TRAIN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether petrol and diesel tankers of a Delhi bound train from Guwahati caught fire between Magurjan and Alubari Railway Stations on the border area of Bihar and West Bengal on 28th September, 2011;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the loss of life and property;

(c) whether any compensation was given to the kin of the deceased persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) and (b): Yes Madam. On 28.09.2011, at about 06:47 hours, while Goods Train No. TATA-BTPN was on run in block section between Mangurjan (Bihar) and Aluabari Road (West Bengal) Railway stations in New Jalpaiguri − Barsoi Main Line section over Northeast Frontier Railway, its 20 tank wagons derailed and caught fire. One person died in this accident. Loss of property has been assessed to be Rs.8,27,51,100/-.

(c) and (d): An amount of Rs. 2 Lakhs has been paid to the next of kin of the deceased as ex-gratia as a special case.